

**The Jones Library, Inc.,  
Munson Memorial Library, and North Amherst Library  
Fiscal Year 2002**

**Celebrate the Freedom to Read.** Amherst residents of all ages depend on Jones Library as well as the Munson Memorial and North Amherst branch libraries for information and inspiration. Demand for library materials increased by nearly 6% in Fiscal Year 2002. Of a total of 544,571 library loans, two thirds were of books and periodicals. Audiovisual media (videotape, DVD, audiotape, CD and CD-ROM) made up one third of items borrowed.

Libraries have something for everyone. Over 350,000 people visited the Jones Library to use resources, view exhibits, participate in events, access the Internet, and enjoy children's activities. Door counters registered between 974 and 1406 people visiting the library per day (Monday through Saturday). From September through June, 550 to 567 people used the Jones Library every Sunday.

**Learn at the Library.** Get a CLUE! Computer Literacy classes successfully expanded the library's computer training program. Started in January 2002, this weekly series was designed for people just beginning to use computers. Reference librarians demonstrated use of computer software, followed by hands-on practice by students using portable laptop computers. Classes for library research, word processing, and spreadsheet use filled up immediately. By the end of June, library staff had provided 1,058 hours of classroom computer instruction. The new portable laptop computers and extra staff time were funded with a federal LSTA grant through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and with capital funds from the Town of Amherst.

The Friends of the Library celebrated authors, books, and libraries with an auction of retired catalog cards signed by celebrity authors in March. Fans bid on cards autographed by favorite authors such as Kurt Vonnegut, Woody Allen, Maya Angelou, singers Luciano Pavarotti, Phil Collins, children's favorites Mr. Rogers and Jane Yolen, and many more. Families enjoyed the magic show by Mazy the Magician, the craft table for making bookmarks from catalog cards, handwriting analysis of signed cards, and especially collecting bargain keepsakes at the Celebrity Autograph Auction.

Pre-school children enjoyed weekly story times, Latin American stories, and "Sing with Your Baby" programs throughout the year. School-age children got involved with the monthly Chess Club, Baby-Sitting Skills workshop, after-school crafts, American Girls Crafts, and creative writing workshops with children's author Burleigh Muten. Special performances by storyteller Tom McCabe, the Gypsy Wranglers, instrumentalist Jeff Snow, Bamidele Dancers and Drummers, cellist Gideon Freudmann, and Umoja Too entertained families at the Jones Library. The Friends of the Jones Library and the Amherst Cultural Council provided funding for special programs.

Two dramatically different views of Emily Dickinson appeared from research conducted in the library's Special Collections Department. Dickinson scholar Alfred Habegger lectured in November on his widely praised literary biography entitled *My Wars Are Laid Away in Books: The Life of Emily Dickinson*. In May, film makers Jim Wolpaw and Steve Gentile screened "Loaded Gun: Life, and Death, and Dickinson," a lighthearted documentary of one man's search for an actress to portray the poet.

SoundPlays, a series of four radio dramas, presented original cast recordings at Jones Library before a live audience. Local authors Fay Kaynor and Claire Hopley shared their research on Lisle Lester and on nineteenth century cooking, respectively. Mystery authors Jane Isenberg and Lisa Kleinholz joined romance writers Sherri Browning and Debby Kosikowski for a panel discussion on how to create fictitious villains. Poets Janet Longe Sadler and Anna Kirwan read from their recent works to "kick off" the annual fund drive. Fiction readers enjoyed a book discussion series with the theme "Predicated Upon" which examined books derived from work by another author.

**Special People.** Library Trustees and staff are very grateful for the contributions of the many volunteers and donors who make Town libraries such special places. The libraries' 120 volunteers contributed over 10,600 hours in all departments during FY 2002! For just one example, the Burnett Gallery Committee organized the exhibit schedule to showcase the varied work of 18 area artists and crafts people. As part of Amherst's newly instituted and popular "First Thursday Gallery Walk," the Burnett Gallery sported newly painted walls, new and attractive hanging systems, and new pedestals. Sara McKee accompanied gallery receptions with harp music. This volunteer committee made it possible to continue a Jones Library tradition of fostering appreciation and understanding of the arts.

The Trustees' Annual Fund Drive reached its goal, thanks to 399 donors, who contributed \$22,968.44 for the purchase of new library materials. Visitors to the Children's Library donated \$586.64 in the spinning vortex coin drop. The library also received generous contributions from the friends and family of Howard Wagner, Sr., from the Emily Dickinson International Society, Rotary Club of Amherst, and the Amherst Garden Club.

**Endowment Balances.** Fleet Investment Advisors reported that the market value of the Jones Library Endowment Fund declined from \$8,930,843 on June 30, 2001 to \$7,812.532 on June 30, 2002.

<b>Materials Loaned--FY 2002</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>544,571</b>
Jones - Adults	287,811
Jones - Kids	169,999
Munson Memorial	45,604
North Amherst Library	41,157

<b>Research Assistance--FY 2002</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37,129</b>
Jones-Adults	19,134
Jones-Kids	6,562
Special Collections	3,110
Branch Libraries	7,617
ESL Center	706

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<b>Materials Available June 30, 2002</b>	
Books	197,482
Audio & Video Items	20,441
Other materials	507
Added during FY 2002	9,800
Withdrawn in FY 2002	6,573

<b>Amherst Residents with C/W MARS cards, June 30, 2002</b>	
Adults	20,061
Children	3,542
New Borrowers registered in FY 2002	2,670

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